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SUBJECT: ESCAP: AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR DIVISION CHIEFS

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1. DEPT. PLEASED THAT CARL FRISEN HAS ACCEPTED OFFER TO REMAIN IN ESCAP THROUGH JUNE 1976. HOWEVER, AFTER THOROUGH EVALUATION AND CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE INTERESTED PARTIES, DEPT. HAS CONCLUDED THAT US WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, PRESS FOR US REPLACEMENT FOR FRISEN.

2. WE FEEL THAT A STRONG REGIONAL POPULATION PROGRAM WAS NECESSARY IN THE LATE 1960'S AND EARLY 1970'S IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECT. THE ESCAP POPULATION DIVISION SERVED THIS PURPOSE WELL AND COUNTRIES OF REGION ARE DEVELOPING LARGE SCALE PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH THEIR
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POPULATION PROBLEMS. FUTURE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON

STRENGTHENING THESE COUNTRIES' PROGRAMS WITH REGIONAL ACTIVITIES PLAYING A SUPPORTIVE ROLE AND DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT COUNTRIES AGREE CAN BE BEST CARRIED OUT AT THE REGIONAL RATHER THAN NATIONAL LEVEL. AN AMERICAN WOULD NOT BE THE BEST PERSON TO HEAD REGIONAL POPULATION WORK AS THE SHIFT IN EMPHASIS TAKES PLACE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY IMPRESS UPON MARAMIS OUR STRONG INTEREST IN OTHER HIGH LEVEL POSTS IN ESCAP. WHILE MARAMIS INDICATED QUOTE NO VACANCY UNQUOTE AT DIVISION CHIEF LEVEL, APPARENTLY NO APPOINTMENT YET MADE TO D-1 STATISTICAL POST. DOMINIC PASTIR IS LEAVING SHORTLY FOR THREE-MONTH DETAIL AS CONSULTANT TO ESCAP WITH UNCERTAINTY THAT HE WILL EVENTUALLY GO INTO THE P-5 SECTION CHIEF POST VACATED BY FINLINSON. DECISION ON THE APPOINTMENT TO THIS POST WILL BE MADE AFTER PASTIR'S DETAIL AS A CONSULTANT. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, LAURA OLSON IS A P-4 VICE P-5. THUS, IT APPEARS THAT US WILL HAVE ONLY TWO P-5 POSTS WHEN BLAKE REPORTS IN APRIL.

4. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS ON FRISEN REPLACEMENT BUT BELIEVE OUR INTEREST BEST SERVED BY CONCENTRATING ON OTHER POSTS. SISCO

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